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Re: TOBACCO SUBSTITUTE AND METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME
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Dear Thelma:

Attached hereto is a copy of the first Office Action relating to the above-identified application. As you can see, the references cited therein were previously cited in the parent case and we transmitted them to you with our letters of February 9, 1968 and July 18, 1968.

Also attached is a copy of the file history of United States Patent No. 3,447,539, which includes an affidavit which begins on page 19 of the file history and which represents the type of affidavit which has been found acceptable in connection with applications of this nature. Would you please let me know as soon as possible whether or not we can provide an affidavit along similar lines in time to meet the response date of October 7, 1969.

Sincerely,

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